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TROUBLE AT THE INN

For years now whenever Christmas pageants are talked about in a certain town in the Midwest, someone is sure to mention the name of Wallace Purling. Wally's performance in one annual production of the Nativity play has slipped into the realm of legend. But the old-timers who were in the audience that night never tire of recalling exactly what happened.

Wally was nine that year and in the second grade, though he should have been in the fourth. Most people in town knew that he had difficulty in keeping up. He was big and clumsy, slow in movement and mind. Still, Wally was well liked by the other children in his class, all of whom were smaller than he, though the boys had trouble hiding their irritation if the uncoordinated Wally asked to play ball with them.

Most often they'd find a way to keep him off the field, but Wally would hang around anyway—not sulking, just hoping. He was always a helpful boy, a willing and smiling one, and the natural protector, paradoxically of the underdog. Sometimes if the older boys chased the younger ones away, it would always be Wally who'd say, "Can't they stay? They're no bother."

Wally fancied the idea of being a shepherd with a flute in the Christmas pageant that year, but the play's director Miss Lumbard, assigned him to a more important role. After all, she reasoned, the Innkeeper did not have too many lines, and Wally's size would make his refusal of lodging to Joseph more forceful.

And so it happened that the usual large, partisan audience gathered for the town's Yuletide extravaganza of the staffs and creches, of beards, crowns, halos and a whole stageful of squeaky voices. No one on stage or off was more caught up in the magic of the night than Wallace Purling. They said later that he stood in the wings and watched the performance with such fascination that from time to time Miss Lumbard had to make sure he didn't wander on stage before his cue.

Then the time came when Joseph appeared, slowly, tenderly guiding Mary to the door of the Inn. Joseph knocked hard on the wooden door set into the painted backdrop. Wally the Innkeeper was there, waiting. "What do you want?" Wally said, swinging the door open with a brusque gesture.

"We seek lodging," "Seek it elsewhere." Wally looked straight ahead but spoke vigorously. "The inn is filled."

"Sir we have asked everywhere in vain. We have travelled far and are very weary." "There is no room in this inn for you." Wally looked properly stern.

"Please good innkeeper, this is my wife, Mary. She is heavy with child and needs a place to rest. Surely you must have some small corner for her. She is so tired."

Now, for the first time, the Innkeeper relaxed his stiff stance and looked down at Mary. With that, there was a long pause, long enough to make the audience a bit tense with embarrassment.

"No! Begone!" the prompter whispered from the wings.

"No!" Wally repeated automatically. "Begone."

Joseph sadly placed his arm around Mary and Mary laid her head upon his shoulder and the two of them started to move away. The Innkeeper did not return inside his inn, however. Wally stood there in the doorway, watching the forlorn couple. His mouth was open, his brow creased with concern, his eyes filling unmistakably with tears.

"Don't go, Joseph," Wally called out, "Bring Mary back". And Wallace Purling's face grew into a bright smile. "You can have my room."

Some people in town thought that the pageant had been ruined. Yet there were others—many others—who considered it the most Christmas of all Christmas pageants they had ever seen.

It Was A Great Conference

The Lord blessed throughout the 46th Annual Conference of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches which was held at the Maranatha Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio - October 15 through 17.

In making this brief report, we want to say at the outset that the folk of the Maranatha Baptist Church and their pastor, Rev. William A. Brock, did everything possible to make guests feel very much "at home". Folk went away praising the Lord for our blessed OARBC fellowship.

On Monday, October 15 at 5:00 p.m., a Reception Dinner was held at which our Council of Ten, our State Missionary and our Editor met the new pastors and their wives who have come into our OARBC fellowship within the past year. There were 56 present to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the ladies of the Maranatha Baptist Church.

The Conference got under way officially with the 7:00 p.m. service. The Chairman of our Council of Ten, Dr. Kenneth Good of North Olmsted, Ohio, was in charge of this service. Pastor Brock gave a few words of welcome and later Evangelist Paul Dixon challenged hearts with his message - "First Century MEN". The Maranatha Baptist Church choir, under the

direction of Rev. Robert Anthony, Assistant Pastor at the Maranatha Baptist Church, presented several numbers. Their music was superb.

Tuesday, October 16, was a great day with messages by Pastor Gerry Gratton of Paulding, Ohio and Missionary Dr. James Entner (ABWE - Philippines). (Ed. note: We hope, at a later date, to run Dr. Entner's study on The Comprehensive Missions Program in the Local Church in the pages of the

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Well over 150 men gather for Men's Forum to hear Dr. Younger.

Findlay Church Rallies Following Devastating Fire

The Calvary Baptist Church Family left the main auditorium after the regular midweek service on Wednesday, October 11, eagerly anticipating the completion of Phase III of building so the facilities would be enlarged to effectively reach more people for Christ and then see them grow into spiritual maturity. Little did our congregation realize what would happen within the next twelve hours.

At 6:45 the next morning, my wife was sitting in our living room having her personal devotions from the book of Job; I was upstairs dressing. Suddenly we both heard the eerie wailing of numerous sirens coming closer and closer to our home, then the sirens were silenced. About the same time a police car came sweeping into our drive way, stopped, and policeman Sgt. Paul Moon came running to our door. He did not knock; rather he rushed to the door and Sgt. Moon said, "Tell Richard the church is on fire. I'll wait for him to go with me."

I grabbed my shirt, put it on—only to find out later I had put it on wrong side out—finished dressing, grabbed a heavy coat that could be put on to help protect me against being burned if I could get into the office area to carry out valuable records. Inside the police car, I said to Sgt. Moon, "Paul how serious is the fire?"

His reply was, "It's a bad one and you'll probably lose a lot of the buildings. As we turned the corner 1/4 mile from our home the church came into sight. Already flames were leaping high from the roof lines on both the main auditorium and the new auditorium addition that was nearly finished in construction. My one concern was to get into the office area of my study. Sgt. Moon and I broke a window into the new office addition but the smoke and heat were so severe we could not get into my study. We then broke the window into the church

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Sunday Afternoons In The Psalms



For a number of years, as a regular monthly feature in THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, we ran a series entitled "A Psalm and A Poem" written by the late Ralph T. Nordlund.

It was Brother Nordlund's ambition to place these poems into book form. Just prior to his going to be with the Lord, he completed the first 53 Psalms. These have been placed in a book which is entitled "Sunday Afternoons in the Psalms".

Concerning this book, Dr. John R. Rice, Editor of "Sword of the Lord" wrote: "No part of the Bible so inspires singing and poetry and joyful meditation as the Psalms. Now erudite and devoted Ralph T. Nordlund has written a devotional commentary on the Psalms. One for every week, there are Psalms put in poetic rhyme and rhythm and then there follows a scholarly and warmhearted commentary. Here is sweet meditation and devotion for all the family.

Brother Nordlund served well as Editor of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST for a number of years. We recommend purchasing a copy of this book. It will prove a blessing in the heart and in the home! You may obtain a copy by writing the Believer's Bible and Book Company, 147 East Clark Street, Fostoria, Ohio - 44830.

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Amerson Russell



Our new Council of Twelve

Take A Look At This Financial Report

MONTHLY BUDGET FOR MISSIONARY, EDITOR, O. I. B., Etc.—\$2800.00
OCTOBER.

Total useable monies received — — — — —	\$3,890.16
Other receipts — D. F. C., etc — — — — —	320.00
Total received	\$4,210.16

(Includes \$1453.51 conference offerings)

Expenses for October (inc. conference \$3,840.32)

NOVEMBER.

Total useable monies received — — — — —	\$1,940.94
Other receipts — D. F. C. etc. — — — — —	380.00
Total received	\$2,320.94

Expenses for November \$1,966.93

PLEASE NOTE: No. O. I. B. printing expense in November because of combined issue. Next issue in December.

Useable money in O. A. R. B. C. treasury — Nov. 30th — \$252.73

SPECIAL O. I. B. REPORT —

October — Cost of printing new O. I. B. (Oct. — Nov.) issue —
13,000 copies, change over — mailing etc. — Cost — \$1,152.94
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November — No printing of O. I. B. —
Received from Support, Subs, and Advertising — — — 429.64

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Conference

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Rev. Larry Fetzer, present Chairman of Council of Twelve, Rev. William Brock, Host Pastor and Dr. Kenneth Good, past Chairman of Council of Ten.

O.I.B.) Dr. Tom Younger, President of Western Baptist Bible College, spoke at our Men's Forum. A most interesting discussion was held on the subject - "Menaces to the Ministry". Over 150 men were in attendance. Rev. Donald Hare (ABWE - Brazil) spoke at the Women's Missionary Union service. The auditorium was filled. His message was one of blessing. A more detailed report will be appearing on our Women's Page in a later issue.

During the Association Hour it was voted to increase our Council of Ten to a Council of Twelve. A complete listing of the new Council of Twelve appears on page two of this issue. Rev. Lawrence G. Fetzer of Dayton, Ohio was elected to the position of Chairman.

Also, it was voted unanimously that the new format of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST be accepted, that it be published as an 8 page organ with the privilege to increase it to 12 pages as the Editor sees fit and that it be sent FREE in bundle lots to each church in our OARBC fellowship. It is hoped it can be supported by advertising, individual subscriptions and designated gifts from our churches. (Ed. note: Some churches have already sent in designated gifts since this action was taken! If each church would place the O.I.B. on their church budget at the rate of five cents per month for each copy of the O.I.B. they receive, it would go a long, long way in helping us pay the cost of printing and mailing.)

Reports were given by Secretary, Rev. William Russell - Treasurer, Rev. William Brock - State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh - Editor, Rev. Donald Moffat and DFC, Rev. Earl Umbaugh and Rev. Norman Bosworth. All reports were approved.



State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh and O. I. B. Editor, Rev. Don Moffat.

Tuesday evening, Brother Paul Dixon brought another stirring message. This one was entitled - "First Century MESSAGE". The right hand of fellowship was extended to the six new churches coming into the OARBC. (We now total 193 churches.) The new churches are the Independent Baptist Church of Johnstown, Rev. Richard Stitzel; the Faith Baptist Church, Lancaster, Rev. William Moser; the Walnut Creek Baptist Church, Baltimore, Rev. D. D. Canterbury; the Bible Baptist Church, South Madison, Rev. Bernie Smith; the Montpelier Baptist Church, Montpelier, Rev. Larry Smith and the Faith Baptist Church, Kenton, Rev. Robert De Boer.

Glowing reports were given concerning our OARBC camp ministries. This summer over 5300 attended these camps - Patmos, Scioto Hills and Skyview Ranch. Many decisions for salvation and dedication of life were made. Also, new camp trustees were elected.

On October 17, the closing day, the same excellent spirit was present. One could sense the presence of the Lord in the meetings. Pastor Joseph M. Stowell, III of Springfield and Pastor Willis Hull of Elyria brought fine messages. In the Associational Hour of this day, recommendations concerning the continuing of our DFC program were presented and approved.



We had able support in assigning "bundle lots" to our churches from Master Timmy Brock - age 7.

These were presented by our State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh. They were: (1) that we continue the DFC treasurer to receive and disburse funds, (2) that money sent directly to the camps no longer be taken into consideration in distribution of DFC funds, (3) that churches be encouraged to keep the DFC and the camps on their missionary budgets until the camps are out of debt, (4) that the DFC Committee be continued (as a caretaker committee) and (5) that we have another campaign (walk-a-thon) in 1974.

In the State Youth Committee report, we were informed that the next State Youth Rally will be held on May 18, 1974 at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Columbus, Ohio. Also, that the "Talents for Christ" contest will be on April 13, 1974 at Cedarville College.

At 2 and at 3 p.m. Workshops were held. There were three in number. One of these was on "Music" led by Brother Don Krueger, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo. Another was on "Visitation" by Brother Pete Mothershead, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo and the third was led by Rev. William Wheeler of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Xenia. He discussed the topic - "Why We Lose Our Teenagers". These all proved most profitable.

Two resolutions were read and approved unanimously. The first of these was one congratulating and commending Dr. James T. Jere-



Dinner for Council of Ten with new pastors in our Ohio fellowship with their wives.

miah upon the occasion of his 20th Anniversary as President of Cedarville College and the other was one of appreciation to the host church for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended during the conference.

The closing message of the conference - "First Century METHODS" - given by Paul Dixon was one of blessing. The music throughout the entire conference was excellent. Brother Anthony led the congregational singing and was ably assisted at the organ by

Mrs. William A. Brock and at the piano by Rev. and Mrs. Brock's daughter, Janice.

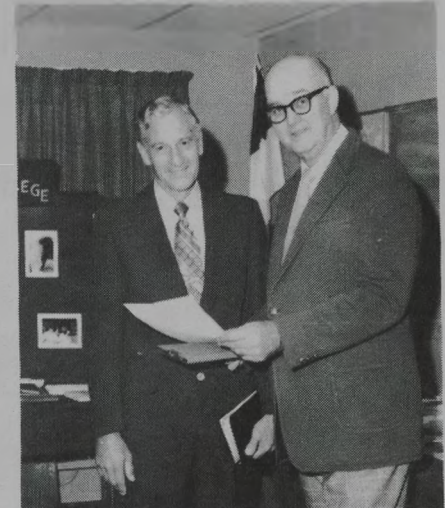
The 47th Annual Conference of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches will be held October 21 - 23, 1974. It will be in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio. Rev. Donald Sewell is pastor of this church. The suggested theme for our 1974 conference is "How to Structure A Church For Growth". Plan on attending. You'll have a great time!



The Council of Twelve consider the business of our OARBC.



Rev. William Wheeler presenting study on "Why We Lose Our Teenagers"



Missionary Don Hare and Editor Don Moffat discuss matters of interest.

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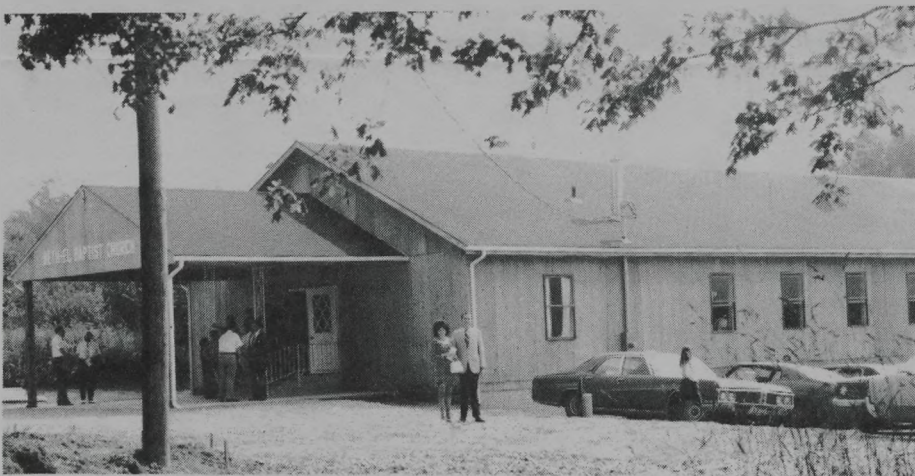


In an earlier issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST we ran an architect's drawing of the proposed building for the Faith Baptist Church of Amherst, Ohio. Rev. Robert N. Barrett is the pastor of this work. It has been your editor's privilege to visit this building which has now been completed and it is more beautiful than the architect's dream!

The above picture shows the lovely auditorium which seats 500 people and has an overflow that will accommodate 110 more. Some basic philosophies were followed in erecting this edifice. In order to keep it as maintenance free as possible, the building has been carpeted throughout and all painted walls have epoxy paint. There are individual class rooms for each grade, three well-equipped spacious nurseries, a functional multipurpose room (50' x 60') used as an AWANA gym and fellowship hall. Also, it has efficient kitchen facilities and plenty of storage space, lovely rest rooms and an office complex with three attractive offices.

Much more could be said concerning the adequate black-topped parking area, lovely conference room, beautiful exterior and the like. The pastor and the people are amazed at what the Lord has done for them. The church is located at 440 North Lake Street in Amherst. We suggest our readers, when in the area, that they visit and see for themselves.. "what God hath wrought"! Churches considering a building program should seriously study this building. It is most practical and yet - a thing of beauty!

Church Building Dedicated



The new Beth-El Baptist Church building

This past summer the Beth-El Baptist Church, 10170 West Ridge Road, Elyria, Ohio met to dedicate their lovely new building. It was a memorable service. Those participating in the program included Mr. Thomas Moyel, Rev. Glen Thorn, Rev. Willis Hull, Mr. Richard Kinan, Mr. David Myers, the pastor of the church - Rev. Walter Spieth, Rev. Denzel Osburn, Rev. Elton Hukill, Rev. Vern Prugh and others.

This work began in September of 1970. The very first meeting of this group was held in a garage. Old chairs and cement blocks with planks on them were used for seating. Because there was no heat in the garage and other facilities were not too good, the people transferred to the Elyria American Legion Hall. They were there from October '70 through August of '71. The Lord then supplied even a better place - the Junior Achievement Building in Elyria. Their next move was to their present new building.

Rev. Ernest Riley helped the first group of some 80 people in matters of organization. Rev. Elton Hukill served as Interim Pastor from October '70 through August '71. After much searching for a full-time pastor, these folk were led to call Rev. Walter Spieth. He is a missionary under Baptist Mid-Missions and began his ministry here on August 15, 1971.

The Lord is blessing this work and they will no doubt know even greater blessing as they move ahead in the work of the Lord.

Hebron Association Pastors Hear Matthews

Approximately 40 pastors gathered at the Grace Baptist Church in Westlake, Ohio (Rev. Ralph Burns, Pastor) to attend a meeting of the Hebron Association. Guest speaker for the day was Dr. Reginald Matthews, Field Representative of our General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

Dr. Matthews, during the morning session, presented some interesting thoughts on the subject -

"What is Biblical Revival?" Later, in the afternoon, he held a Pastor's Clinic at which he spoke concerning the pastor and his relationship to the Lord, to his family, to the church he pastors, to his former pastorates and to other Christian responsibilities.

It was agreed, by those attending, that much had been gained through these lectures that would better fit one for the work of serving the Lord.

F.B.H.M. Work Continues To Grow



Candidates Meet With Council

At their recent Annual Meeting, the following were elected as Council officers of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions: Rev. Charles G. Pausley, Highview Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio as Chairman - Dr. Irving E. Penberthy, First Baptist Church, Los Gatos, California as Vice-Chairman and Rev. Clarence D. Kennedy, Westwood Baptist Church, Flint, Michigan as Secretary.

The FBHM candidate classes went over the twenty mark this year. Those approved for missionary service are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie White, working in Compton, California - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gluck, working in California - Mr. and Mrs. Terry Stueck, from Iowa, no allocation as yet - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Collins, currently from the Scranton, Pennsylvania area - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Poole, working in New England - Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gilmore, working among the black population of Gary, Indiana and sponsored by the Calumet Fellowship - Mr. and Mrs. Dain Canterbury, working in Ohio - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henzler, currently in New York State. Still others will be meeting the Executive Committee at a later date. GOOD NEWS - there are already candidates for the 1974 class.

Recently the FBHM has moved into new areas. These include Mexico (as well as Southern California), a request has come from Canada to plant a church. The FBHM Council voted to expand operations to the North American continent plus Hawaii. Apart from Hawaii, they are not branching into foreign missions as such, but in fringe areas of continental U.S.A.

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Findlay Church Fire

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office and managed a bit later to get out the mailing lists and visitation files.

It is hard to describe in words the sickening feeling that swept over me as I stood with other members of the Calvary Family who had converged at the church site and watched the complete church auditorium, new auditorium addition, present office wing and addition being destroyed by fire as flames leaped at times over fifty feet above the roof lines.

As I stood there watching the firemen so valiantly fighting that blazing inferno with practically all the fire equipment of our city I prayed "Lord, it is your work, not mine. Lord you know what is happening and why. I do not understand it but you do." I thought of the last text I preached from the pulpit the previous Sunday morning from Job 23:10, "But He knoweth the way that I take; when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

As the crowd continued to gather, an unidentified person said to me, "It is too bad you have to lose that beautiful church."

My immediate reply was, "We are losing the building where the church meets, but the church is very much alive and thriving for Calvary Baptist Church is people."

Our people very vividly demonstrated that fact for the following Sunday morning there were 914 persons present for Sunday school though we had to meet in three scattered locations - the nursery and pre-schoolers in the unfinished new youth building under construction on the church site, the primary and juniors in the Benjamin Franklin elementary school gym, and the teens and adults in the Findlay Senior High school auditorium. God blessed in the morning and evening preaching services with public decisions in both. Among those coming for salvation in the morning service was a man who is a part of the Criminal Investigation Division of our local police department who worked in our burned out buildings for two days as a detective investigating the arson work that was done. His wife also came to be saved in the same service.

By a unanimous standing vote in that service, the congregation approved the recommendation made by the Official Board that we still have Evangelist Paul Dixon come to minister in the Harvest Days Evangelist Crusade, October 21-28. The attendance was excellent each week night as we met in the elementary gym. On the Saturday afternoon prior to the last day of the Crusade, Brother Dixon and I sat in the home of another one of the detectives of our local Criminal Investigation Division who had worked in our buildings after the fire and

saw him and his precious wife also trust Christ as their personal Saviour.

A few minutes after this couple was saved the husband said, "Pastor, as I worked the investigation and saw the devastation caused by fire, I noted something different about your staff and the people of your church. I realized what you and your people had I needed and because of the fire my wife and I are now saved, want to be baptized, and unite with Calvary Baptist Church."

God gave a blessed week in the Crusade and Brother Dixon brought messages from God - not mere sermons - that greatly strengthened our Calvary Family and brought unsaved people to Christ. We are now planning a great baptismal service with over thirty persons coming for baptism as a result of the Crusade - most of them adults and teens.

Yes, Calvary Baptist Church is not burned out devastated buildings but people for we have average 838 per Sunday in Sunday School for the past three weeks since the fire and slightly higher for the morning worship services.

It will be several weeks before we can use the two story round educational unit because of smoke damage. It will take a couple of months to restore the two story educational unit which was severely damaged by severe heat and smoke, in that the unit adjoined the destroyed auditorium. A year's lease has been signed to use the High School Auditorium for the Sunday worship services until we can rebuild.

God is still on His throne. Our congregation believes Calvary Baptist Church is God's work; therefore God shall undergird and guide in the days ahead that we might continue to be led triumphantly.



GLIMPSES of TRUTH from the

by DR. GEORGE L. LAWLOR



The Word Of Life

In the prologue to his Gospel (Jn. 1:1), John testifies to the pre-existence and person of the Son of God, and then points to His historic manifestation, in vs. 14. By blocking out vs. 2-13, and joining the statements of vs. 1 and vs. 14 directly together, the force and fullness of this Scripture witness are remarkably exhibited and emphasized:

"In the beginning was the Word" (v.1). . . . "And the Word was made flesh" (vs. 14). Out of the infinite depths of time and distance, and eternal pre-existence - into finite presence, to a form of pure self-expression, which is evident and knowable to the human eye and mind - came the Son of God. "And the Word was with God" (vs. 1). . . . "And dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father" (vs. 14). From the eternal home, that glorious habitation of God, where He was in unutterable fellowship with the Father, Jesus came to take up His prepared abode in human life and manifest the glory of God among men.

"And the Word was God" (vs. 1). . . . "Full of grace and truth" (vs. 14). The supreme and absolute deity of the incarnate Word is sublimely revealed through the outshining of the Son's grace and truth.

When John wrote the First Epistle, he was moved by the Holy Spirit to extend the description of the incarnate Saviour, and point out His identity as the Son of God. In the introduction to the Epistle, John enlarges the matter of the pre-existent Son and His historic manifestation in a second extraordinary statement. Again, John identifies the person of the Son in His pre-existent state: "The One who was from the beginning"; in His eternal state: the imperfect "was," denoting the Son's abiding continuance, with nothing said as to beginning and ending; and in His state of deity: "was from the beginning," ho ein ap' archeis. Then John points out that the person he has described is the Son of God who made His appearance in history. He became flesh and presented Himself to the higher senses of men: they heard Him, saw Him with their eyes, looked upon Him with close scrutiny, and they handled Him. The stress in this great passage is upon the physical manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ - the historical revelation of the invisible God to men, set forth by John with such force and vigor against the mythical, mystical views of the incarnation, and against all the heretical ideas and liberal teachings which deny the real manifestation of God the Son in flesh. (See I Jno. 4:1-3).

The One who was from all beginning, who was heard, seen, scrutinized, and handled - is the Word of Life. This audible, visible, tangible apprehension of that which was from the beginning, was possible to men because - as John states - "The life was manifested. . . ." (vs. 2). Hence the stress is properly upon the historic revelation of the pre-incarnate Word. We may characterize the revelation set forth by this inspired expression, "The Word of Life" (vs. 1), in three ways:

1. It is a revelation that is personal. "The Word" (ho logos), can be used to designate the Gospel, the written Word of

God; but it clearly does not have that meaning here. Rather it has the absolute sense, and refers to the person of the Son. That such is the case appears in the use of the preposition peri with the genitive, peri tou logou teis Zoeis, "concerning the Word of (the) life." John does not use the accusative, ton logon, the regular direct object - since this might well refer to "the Word of life" as indicating the message of the Gospel. But peri with the genitive tou logou does not denote the Gospel, for we do not teach, or preach, about the Gospel, but we proclaim the Gospel itself. This is revelation concerning (peri) the Son Himself. What the Apostles heard, saw, scrutinized so carefully and intensely, and handled - was the personal Word, the Son of God in human form, the person who is "the Word of (the) Life."

2. It is a revelation that is doctrinal.

"The Word of (the) Life" does involve a message - a message concerning the person of the Son, and the redemption which He wrought, a message relating to the whole of the revelation in the person of Christ. Such a message is a message of doctrine, the doctrine of the Son - it cannot be otherwise. (See tei didachei tou Christou, in II John 9, and logon zoeis in Phil. 2:16).

3. It is a revelation that is vital.

The noun "life", zoeis, has the definite article, the life, identifying the "life" as being a special and particular life, in contrast to anything else that might carry that name. It is "the life" in contradistinction to human life and all other aspects of life. The message of the Son concerns the principle of eternal life - life that is communicated to sinners through their reception of the Son of God - who alone has this life to give, who is Himself "the life", so that "the one who has the Son has life" (I John 5:11-12).

Hence, this revelation - personal, doctrinal, vital, in nature - is absolutely essential for the salvation of men and women, and their entrance into heaven. Such a revelation as this is the means by which the world may know who and what God is - what He is like. And it is that indispensable way by which God has taken away our sins, and has rendered inoperative toward us the work of the devil.

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WALNUT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, BALTIMORE —

Our new work continues to grow. We thank the Lord for our pastor, Rev. D. D. Canterbury. As a church, we just recently came into the fellowship of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, BEDFORD —

On October 11th, Mrs. Gerald East of our church had open heart surgery. Latest reports are that she is doing well. She has been president of the Hebron ladies missionary group and has also been our church organist and church secretary for over 15 years. We thank the Lord for her faithful service!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN —

At our Rally Day we were privileged to have Terry Miller, a Gospel Magician, with us. Dr. John Balyo of Grand Rapids Baptist Bible College and Seminary spoke at the Fourth Anniversary of being in our new building. We praise the Lord for the increase in attendance at our Family Night and Sunday evening services. We recently had an overhead projector given to us.

WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON —

The Lord gave us a great missionary conference. Those having a part in the conference were missionaries Saliers, Block, Kanani and Entner. Seminars were held on "The Occult", "Medical Missions" and "The Challenge of Islam". These proved to be most informative. Also, the missionaries used slides to further present their work.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH, CLEVELAND —

During December we were privileged to have as guest speakers Mr. George Rich and Rev. Leonard Mezner. Our pastor attended the Baptist Congress in London and on his return gave a report of all that took place.

CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

This Fall we had the privilege of having Miss Peggy Bush of Bellefontaine, Ohio present one of her musical concerts. Our Word of Life youth attended the Word of Life Convention held at Immanuel Baptist Church in Columbus. Dr. Ernest Pickering of Baptist Bible College and Seminary was the speaker. Our pastor, Rev. George Hatfield brought us an excellent study on "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit". Our AWANA program is moving along in good style.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

We were happy to have the Don Hare family with us. Also, Miss Nancy Stanley. "The Hares" are missionaries to Brazil under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. Miss Stanley is an "appointee" to France under Baptist Mid-Missions. Pastor Abernathy just began a new series of messages on the Book of Acts. Dr. Reginald Matthews, Field Representative for our General Association of Regular Baptist Churches ministered here in late November. The emphasis of his ministry was on "The True

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

In late September we marked our 8th anniversary as a church. As we look back on that which has been accomplished, we lift our hearts in praise to the Lord. The "Anniversary Day" was also "A Day Of Commitment" as we gave ourselves anew to the challenge before us! It was a joy and a delight having the 46th Annual OARBC conference in our church. Hearts were blessed in fellowshiping with many friends throughout our fellowship.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

Rev. and Mrs. William Carter ministered here while Pastor and Mrs. Winters were away for a few days vacation. Brother Jim

Mercer was with us for an evangelistic endeavor. There were souls saved and hearts were warmed through his preaching of the Word.

PINE HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS —

The Baptist Day School held in our church is moving right along with six in Kindergarten and 17 in Pre-School. This, we feel, is a good beginning. All five of our buses are running. We had good attendance on our Round-Up Sunday and Old-Fashioned Sunday.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH, COMMERCIAL POINT —

The Spring of this year we had Evangelist Robert Sumner lead us in special meetings. Other guest speakers include Mr. and Mrs. Courliss (missionary appointees to Sao Paulo, Brazil) and Mr. James Phipps (Associate Professor of Speech-Cedarville College). Mr. Harold Hohman was special speaker at our Father/Son banquet. In November, Evangelist Hugh Horner was here for special meetings. The Lord blessed. Brother Ben Kendrick of Baptists Mid-Missions presented the challenge of that great mission board.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON —

Rev. William I. Brown ministered here while Pastor Fisher was away holding special meetings at the Tillicum Baptist Church in Tillicum, Washington. We also enjoyed the ministry of Rev. Kenneth Farnsworth. We are looking forward to special evangelistic services this coming year with Evangelist Paul Dixon.

ABBE ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, ELYRIA —

Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat was with us Sunday through Friday, October 21-26. In grace, the Lord spoke to hearts through the ministry of His Word. We praise the Lord for the excellent spirit among our people. The Lord is blessing and for this we praise Him!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELYRIA —

The Lord is blessing our Elyria Christian Academy. (Editor's Note: We had the privilege of speaking at one of their chapel services and we were impressed with this fine school.) We had Missionary Dale Davis (Baptist Mid-Missions—Las Vegas) minister at one of our prayer meetings. The Life Action Crusade held here in late October and early November was used of the Lord to reach souls for Christ.

EUCLID-NOTTINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH, EUCLID —

The Csehy Musical Messengers presented an excellent program of sacred music to our people. Young and old alike are being blessed through the ministry of our new pastor and his family—Rev. and Mrs. Will Davis. We look ahead to great things being accomplished under Pastor Davis' leadership.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, FINDLAY —

Our hearts were saddened as a result of a recent fire. (See elsewhere in this issue for a full report on this). The Lord, however, has challenged us to forge ahead in spite of Satan's opposition! The ministry of Paul Dixon was one of rich blessing! Souls are being reached as a result of this fire that might not have been reached at all. God is faithful!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALION —

Recent guest speakers include Mrs. Roy Erickson from South Africa and Rev. Lee Turner of Cedarville College. We are looking forward to having Dr. Roy Hamman for a week of Prophetic messages. Our church won first place in Sector II of the "DFC Campathon". A plaque was presented to the church after this event. First place of individual participation went to Steve Shroyer of our church who won a gold medal and a certificate for a free week of camping next summer.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS —

Evangelist Bill Compton was with us Octo-

ber 8 through 14 for an evangelistic thrust. We called this "Harvest Days" and as a result of his ministry we saw a harvest of souls. Many hearts experienced a genuine revival.

HUNTSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH —

We held a Child Evangelism Seminar here on October 23rd. This was for Sunday School teachers. Staff and other Christian workers. Those directing the Seminar were Mrs. Marie Hanna, Local Missionary Director and Rev. Mel Bryant, Ohio State Director. It was a great day with the Lord and His people.

LITCHFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH —

We are in the midst of a \$10,000 remodeling program. We have carpeted one wing of our building and are now bricking the exterior. The auditorium will be paneled and redecorated. Evangelist Robert Morris of Mulberry, Florida was with us November 4 through 11. We thank the Lord for his ministry. The Spirit of the Lord spoke to hearts.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, LONDON —

A representative of Christ's Mission, Inc. (Hackensack, New Jersey) was with us to tell of their work among Roman Catholic people. This representative was Rev. Angelo LoVallo who one time himself was a Roman Catholic priest. He resigned the priesthood in 1940 after a period when he had given himself to a close study of the Scriptures.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, LORAIN —

Rev. Stephen Nischick, formerly a Baptist pastor in Russia, was with us and told of his wife's recent trip to Russia. While there she was able to speak words of comfort to the folks behind the iron curtain. In October we had a "Bringing in the Sheaves Day".

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MEDINA —

A.B.W.E. missionary to the Philippines—Rev. Alfred Conant told us of his ministry in that great land. Most interesting was his report on what our schools are doing in training the Filipino young people. We held our 22nd Annual Global Missionary Conference November 3 through 7.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NILES —

Rev. Marlon Rayburn, Professor at Cedarville College, ministered here recently. Also, we had a "pulpit exchange" with Rev. Marvin Werbeach of the Independent Baptist Church in North Jackson, Ohio.

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH JACKSON —

It was our privilege to host the Bethany Pastors and Peoples' Fellowship October 5 and 6. This was a FAMILY CLINIC. Guest speaker was Dr. Cleveland McDonald of Cedarville College. It proved to be a most profitable meeting. Subjects presented were "Husband and Wife in Marriage", "Parental Discipline", "Finances in the Christian Family" and "Husband and Wife Communication in Marriage".

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH MADISON —

Our pastor, Rev. Roland P. Globig, is now in his 18th year here at our church. We thank God for his faithful ministry. Besides serving as our pastor, he is also Dean of the Baptist Bible Institute. We had a good attendance at our Labor Day picnic. Rev. John Strong of Painesville, Ohio brought a devotional message. A number of our people attended a Bus Conference at the Faith Baptist Church in Perry, Ohio.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, NORWALK —

We were happy to have Evangelist Hugh Horner to supply our pulpit for two Sundays recently. His ministry is always one of challenge and blessings.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH —

We were able to purchase a fine movie projector for the church. Rev. David B. Hamilton, the son of our pastor, Dr. Raymond F. Hamilton, spoke here. Recent missionary speakers include Rev. and Mrs. William Jantz, our missionaries to Quebec, Canada and Rev. and Mrs. Darrell Guenter. Brother Guenter is a missionary pilot. He and his wife serve in Liberia under Baptist Mid-Missions.

BIBLE MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH, REYNOLDSBURG —

Some of those who have supplied our pulpit of late include Rev. Otis Stone, Rev. Edward E. Spencer, Rev. Austin Elmore, Rev. Richard McIntosh and Brother Bill Bowers, Missionary Don Hare (ABWE-Brazil) spoke at our Family Night Supper and Miss Connie Endicott spoke to our Women's Missionary Fellowship.

BLESSED HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD —

Rev. Ron Yeater of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada was here as a guest speak-

er. Miss Peggy Bush of Bellefontaine, Ohio presented a beautiful Musical Concert. We had planned special meetings with Evangelist Beryl Smith but due to circumstances beyond his control it was necessary that they be cancelled for this time. Miss Connie Endicott told of her work among the Indians in Arizona. This is a most difficult work.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD —

One of our missionaries, Miss Connie Endicott, ministered here recently. This is Connie's "home church". We are glad we can have a part in her work. Our auditorium looks much nicer now that we have a new ceiling installed. Our new paper — "Maranatha Moments" is being well received. We publish it bi-monthly.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, STRYKER —

As a result of our Hal Webb Evangelistic Campaign we saw folk come to Christ and also the Lord worked in the hearts of believers. Everyone was greatly challenged concerning the work of the Lord. We were able to give the evangelist and his party a gift of \$450 plus another \$125. for expenses.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNBURY —

Brother Gene Bryant told us of his work among Jewish people. Brother Vernor Gallogly and Brother John Lenegar also spoke during Pastor Holmes' absence. On one Wednesday evening we had the privilege of hearing missionary Addie Bromwell of Baptist Mid-Missions who is working in Columbus, Ohio.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO —

It is thrilling to see our Sunday School grow. Recently we had 333 in attendance! Missionary Nancy Stanley (BMM-France) spoke to our ladies.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO —

Evangelist Bill Compton was with us for our Fall Evangelistic meetings. His ministry was one of blessing. Our young people had a good time at their Fall Advance October 25 through 27. Our men greatly enjoyed their Men's Retreat. In October we had the privilege of having Dr. Jack Wyrzten speak at one of our evening services. We look forward to our Holiday Musicals on December 14. Friends are invited. This is a great event!

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN —

Our church has just recently started a bus ministry. A definite route has been set up and we are trusting that it will result in reaching more folk for Christ.

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH —

We voted as a church to sponsor a "Word of Life" Club for our high school students. Mrs. Bob Davis of Japan spoke at our Ladies Missionary Fellowship recently. Brother Bob Davis spoke at our October 7th Sunday services. We held a Thanksgiving Revival with Evangelist Robert Sumner November 19 through 26. We have just purchased a bus and it is a beauty!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WILLOWICK —

Brother Bob Meyer presented a "chalk talk" at one of our evening services. Our young people took part in the Northeastern Ohio Youth Rally which was held at the Huntsburg Baptist Church. Over 20 members of the Eastlake North High School football team attended our Morning Service on October 14. Three boys on this team are from our church.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, WESTLAKE —

The Hebron Association pastors met at our church on October 22nd. It was a time of rich fellowship as they listened to Field Representative Dr. Reginald Matthews. (GARBC).

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, XENIA —

We recently have had the following speakers—Rev. Lewis Button and Dr. James Entnor. Evangelist Paul Dixon was with us for special meetings November 25 through 30. He greatly challenged hearts. Our pastor attended the Baptist Congress in London, England. The Lord is blessing the ministry of our church and also that of our Xenia Christian Day School. We were happy to have Missionary Don Hare tell of his work in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, National Representative of our GARBC spoke at our special Thanksgiving Day service.

B.B.C. Record Enrollment

The Lord has given a wonderful Fall enrollment at Baptist Bible College with a total of 646 high calibre students. These are dedicated young people who are eager to learn and to serve their God. This is a new record in total enrollment with more students in the dormitories than at any previous time. Their enthusiasm is contagious! They have started the year with the pledge to raise at least \$15,000 for our new multi-purpose building. We are pleased with our students and with the student body leadership which the Lord has given us.

Improvements At Baptist Bible College

This summer there were many improvements made which makes our campus look unusually attractive. Flower beds were planted, and work continued on the development of our practice athletic field on the hill. The dorms were cleaned, electric power and a water line were run to the swimming pool to enhance our summer ministries. They also helped business at the "Hokey Pokey", our summertime refreshment stand.

With soil from our multi-purpose building construction site some of the unpaved roads on lesser-used portions of the campus were improved. We relocated our college bookstore, moving it to the white house at the campus entrance thus making it more available to area residents as well as our own college family. That newly-renovated area is an attractive and functional place for this important operation. We have begun a program of regular classroom improvement by completely renovating one classroom in Jackson Hall. In addition we have relocated our printing and mailing department to the former bookstore area. The volume of printing has increased dramatically in the last two years requiring more space for equipment and personnel.

"Black Is Beautiful"

The Lord has His hand of blessing resting on Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania and its School of Theology. This past year the school closed its books in the "black"! The auditor stated that it was one of the finest audits he has conducted at the college for some time. Efforts are being made to increase interest in student aid. A Student Aid Officer has been appointed to aid in serving the students. The college's Development Department is being blessed of the Lord in its fund-raising efforts, particularly in deferred giving programs. Estate Planning Seminars are being held in local churches where Christians are advised as to how they can help themselves and yet, at the same time, assist in the work of the Lord.



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A recognition council was called October 1, 1973, in Kenton, Ohio to consider the propriety of recognizing the Faith Baptist Church of Kenton, Ohio, as a properly constituted Baptist Church.

Messengers from the North Bethel Association of the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches and other messengers specially invited made up the council's constituency.

After Pastor Robert J. Deboer gave a brief history of the church, Rev. Fred Crown of Findlay and Rev. Gerald Gratton of Paulding, Ohio, were elected as chairman and clerk of the council. The council examined the Confession of Faith, the Constitution, and the Church Covenant of Faith Baptist and voted unanimously to recognize the Faith Baptist Church of Kenton, Ohio, as a duly organized and properly constituted New Testament Baptist Church.

Report On ACCC Annual Conference

The American Council of Christian Churches held their Annual Conference October 23 - 25 at the Campus Baptist Church in Ames, Iowa. Rev. Duane L. Brown was the host pastor for this occasion.

Resolutions were passed concerning KEY 73 Evangelism, the Contemporary Charismatic Movement, the World Council of Churches, Unscriptural Alliances, the American Morass of Sin and Christian Day Schools.

Special recognition was given Dr. Robert T. Ketcham for his faithfulness in standing firmly and uncompromisingly for "the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ". (Editor's note: We regret that we do not have space to run the full tribute regarding Brother Ketcham in this issue. We hope to run it in its entirety at a later date.)

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- THE BOOK
II TIM. 3:16
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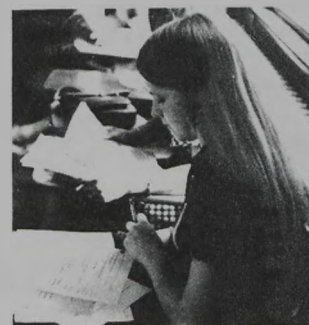
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"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." Ps. 34:8

It was on January 28, 1964 that the United Nations helicopter lifted me out of that perilous area where for four days my life had been in constant jeopardy of death by the hands of communist-inspired terrorists. As I staggered across that interminable distance to the helicopter, being urged on by faithful Christians, my thoughts were only on my own escape. It was not until later, when in the safety of the Missionary Uhlinger home in Leopoldville that my mind became preoccupied with those I had left behind. How would they fare? For me the Lord had graciously provided a way of escape. For them there would be no helicopter to lift them out of danger. They were in their own land and I knew there would be suffering ahead for them. The Lord alone Whom they had come to trust would be their Refuge and Strength in the stormy days awaiting them.

For months there was no word from them. Then a little news trickled through. Finally, more than a year later, when I was already back in Venezuela I heard of persecutions and tortures which befell those who had helped me escape. My heart ached for them. As time went on there came a growing desire to return to Congo and to Mangungu Mission Station to see those dear faces once again and to personally express my appreciation for all they had done for me during those perilous days.

In my last letter four months ago I mentioned the gladness in anticipation of such a trip. I can now report that the reality exceeded the joy of anticipation. The Lord's timing is always perfect, though sometimes we become impatient and disheartened in the delay. Isa. 30:18 says: "Therefore will the Lord wait that He may be gracious unto you. . . Blessed are all they that wait for Him." Think of it: the Lord, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe waits with longing to be gracious to me and to you! His delays in answering our prayers always mean more abounding grace and greater blessings for His children. Thus, when His time came for a visit to Zaire, He not only opened the door but went before and so wonderfully handled the details that we marveled.

Many of the Christians did not know I was coming and to them I was as one raised from the dead! The reaction was varied--some wept, some laughed and danced, some just held my hands and repeated with deep emotion, "Mama Hege, thank God my eyes are seeing you again." God did a wonderful thing in bringing back to me the Kituba language (dormant for nine years) so that I could communicate with them.

We traveled many miles over rutty, bumpy, sandy roads (it was dry season in Zaire) in Bob Gring's Jeep. Only a four-wheel drive could get over those roads. But the joy and appreciation of the believers was worth all the toils of the way.

Twice we went to Mangungu station. A flood of memories overwhelmed me as I stood on the very spot where Irene and I fell together and under the palm trees where we were left side by side, supposedly both dead. For the first time I visited Irene's grave.

A cement tombstone bears the inscription of John 15:13 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." I was reminded of Paul's desire as expressed in Phil. 1:20 "--that Christ may be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death." Why He chose to be magnified in Irene's body by death while He spared my life is known to Him alone. I came away from that hallowed spot with a greater longing than ever that Christ may indeed be glorified in my body by the life He restored to me so that I too can say "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Signs of the rebellion are still very much in evidence. The missionary homes were dismantled. Mine has been reroofed with palm leaves and is serving as a schoolhouse -- windows and doors are mere open spaces. The bare walls are all that remains of the other house. Pastor Luke very proudly led me to the new chapel which they built without any outside help. The walls are made of stone and clay, hardened by adding a bit of cement. We worshipped there with the Mangungu Congregation our last Sunday in Zaire. It was a very special day for all of us. Many of the older folks were missing. When the entire village fled into the forest from the marauding rebels, hunger and disease claimed their weakened bodies. Think of the scene that yet awaits those forests of Congo when on that glad Resurrection Day the bodies of those who "fell asleep in Christ" shall be raised in incorruption and, transformed and glorified, shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air--to be forever with Him!

The special three-hour program included music and speeches. A discourse was read by Nkedi, the school director, in which he reviewed our work (and sorrows) together in the past and expressed their joy at my return and ended with a plea for me to remain and work with them again. This, of course was not possible as officially our Baptist Mid-Missions work in Zaire is already closed--not to mention my "retirement age." How comforting to know that in the absence of missionaries, the Holy Spirit Himself will abide and be their Teacher leading them into the deeper truths of His Word. Please remember to pray for them. Doubtless more suffering awaits the Born-Again Believers who are standing true to the Word of God, as the ecumenical church increases in strength and applies greater pressures.

My letter is already too long but I would not close without mentioning our visit to Switzerland on the return trip. There we were permitted to feast our eyes on the glories of God's handiwork--the Alps and the Jura Mountains, the higher peaks white with snow, even the Matterhorn and beautiful Lake Geneva, lush green grass, neatly laid out fields and gardens, window boxes of gay flowers, entire balconies adorned with red geraniums. It included a trip to L'Abri

Pastor's Wife With The Lord



Just one week before Pastor Harold ("Howdy") House announced his retirement after 21 years at the Calvary Baptist Church in Byesville, Ohio, his dear wife went to be with the Lord. This was on October 7th. Her passing followed a lengthy illness. She declined rapidly her last eight weeks.

While she was at the hospital in Cambridge, she and her husband observed their 44th wedding anniversary. The hospital personnel thoughtfully included a small wedding cake on her tray for the evening meal on their anniversary date--October 3rd. Hazel House was dearly loved and highly respected by the congregation of Calvary Baptist Church in Byesville.

She was a perfect "helpmate" to her husband and she served the Lord with real delight. One of her joys was directing the church's annual Daily Vacation Bible School. The church was filled for the memorial services conducted on October 10th by Rev. David Shimp of Litchfield, Ohio. Brother Shimp was a former member of the Byesville Church.

Let us remember to pray for Brother House during these days. Now that he has resigned his work as pastor, he will give himself to supply preaching and Bible Conference work. His mailing address is Rev. Harold House, Calvary Baptist Church, Corner Sixth and Race Avenue, Byesville, Ohio 43723. Telephone: (614) 685-2818.

Sandusky Youth Serving N.Y. Church

Brother Kenneth Garner, formerly a young man in Calvary Baptist Church, Sandusky, Ohio and a graduate of Practical Bible Training School, has been ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Southwood Baptist Church in Jamestown, New York.

The Ordination Council met on October 5, 1973 and the church held the Ordination Service that same evening.

Rev. Kenneth Garner is now the pastor of the Southwood Baptist Church in Jamesville. It is his first pastorate.

on Sunday to participate in the worship service in the lovely little chapel tucked away in the Alps, then dinner in Chalet Bethany with other visitors. During our twelve-day stay in Switzerland we enjoyed the loving hospitality of the Eichers, former co-laborers in Congo, who were also miraculously delivered from the hands of terrorists in 1946. Their company made our trips all the more enjoyable. Even the afterglow is refreshing.

Finally my special thanks and gratitude to all who by their prayers and gifts made my trip to Zaire a reality. We trust in God that the results will count for eternity.

In God's great faithfulness,

Ruth Hege

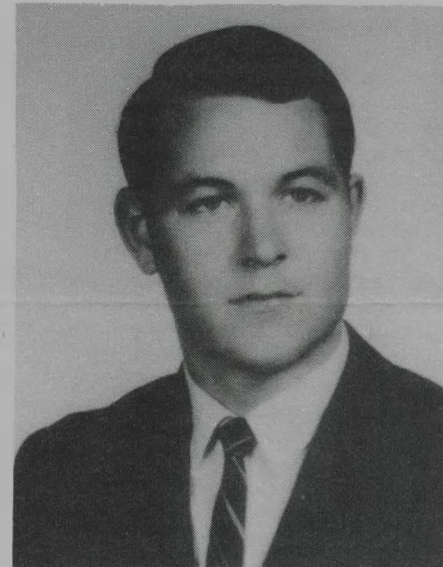
Xenia Fellowship Elects Officers

The pastors of the Xenia Area Pastor's Fellowship met at the close of the recent Pastors Conference held at Cedarville College for a brief meeting at which they elected the following officers: Moderator, Rev. Joseph C. Chapman (Blessed Hope Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio)--Vice-Moderator, Rev. Joseph M. Stowell, III (Southgate Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio) and Treasurer/Secretary, Rev. David W. Morris (Grace Baptist Church of London, Ohio).

Regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. These meetings will be at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Xenia, Ohio. Pastors are encouraged to be at the church by 9:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts. The meetings start promptly at 10:00 a.m. with lunch at noon at a nearby restaurant. The program this year will be in keeping with those of previous years with subjects relative to the need of the gospel ministry.

Many thanks are extended to Pastor Larry Fetzer (Washington Heights Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio) for his excellent leadership as moderator for the past two years.

Called As Christian Education Director



The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Lorain, Ohio (Rev. James W. McCoy, Pastor) has called Mr. Ronald Edwards to be their new Christian Education Director. He is presently serving in this capacity.

Brother Edwards is a graduate of Cedarville College (Class of '70) and graduated from Grace Theological Seminary at Winona Lake, Indiana this past Spring. His wife, Margaret, graduated from Cedarville College (Class of '73). She is presently teaching at the new Elyria Christian Academy.

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WONDERFUL

OUR TEXT: Isaiah 9:6

"FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN...
AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL....."

Consider the word WONDERFUL. We use this term in our everyday language. We say of something, "Isn't that wonderful?" What do we mean? The dictionary says that the word wonderful means, "adapted to, excite wonder, cause of surprise or astonishment, Marvelous, astonishing." In the light of these definitions, is that what we mean when we speak about the Lord Jesus Christ? The prophet Isaiah in our text above says that the child to be born would have a name called "WONDERFUL."

We know that this prophecy in Isaiah refers to the Lord Jesus Christ. Many times during this Christmas season you will hear or see this verse in Isaiah 9:6 used in reference to the Holiday Season. Why is Christ WONDERFUL?

First, Christ was WONDERFUL in His Birth. His was no ordinary birth. At this time of the year we emphasize the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, and yet we realize what the Word of God says about His birth? What makes Christ's birth WONDERFUL?

His birth was prophesied--for it says in Genesis 3:15 that the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head, and we know that this is the first prophecy in the Bible regarding the promise of the virgin birth of Christ. This was four thousand years before the event. God said that whoever was to bruise the serpent would be born of the seed of a woman--note it says nothing about the seed of a man - this speaks of the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. His was the most wonderful and miraculous birth that ever took place. The incarnation of God into this universe into a little babe is a marvelous creation.

The Bible states that the birth of Christ was the result of conception by the Holy Spirit. Some say that the virgin birth doesn't make any difference, therefore the Bible doesn't really teach it and it is not important anyway. If Christ was begotten of an earthly father and had only a natural birth, then we have no Savior. We only have a beautiful example of a great man. We only have a beautiful life and a martyrdom at the end.

If Christ is not virgin born, then His bones are still in the tomb today. The incarnate Son of God is wonderful in His birth. Someone says skeptically, "if a young woman said today that her son was virgin--born, would you believe it?" We would answer "yes", if a number of things were true. First of all, the birth would have to be predicted centuries in advance. Secondly, if the place and manner of his life, and his death, his burial, and his resurrection had been predicted centuries in advance. Thirdly, if he led a perfect life so that even his enemies could find no fault in him. Fourth, if he could walk on water, and still the tempest, and heal the leper and raise the dead and make the blind to see, and read the hearts and minds of men.

Fifthly, that at his death, the sun, moon and stars refused to shine, the dead came out of the grave and earth trembled. Sixth, if all the power of the Roman empire could not keep him in the tomb and he could rise from the dead and show himself for forty days after the sacrificial death could cause a thief to steal no more, a drunkard to drink no more, a leper to be sound of body. Eighth, if darkness and ignorance reigned without him, yet light reigned within him. If all of this could be said, then we would believe in a virgin--born child today.

The Lord Jesus Christ was WONDERFUL in His birth.

Secondly, Christ was WONDERFUL in His life. Do you realize that even the atheist and the skeptic and the infidel and the agnostic say that the Lord Jesus Christ

had a wonderful life. But more than this, we would remind you that the Bible says his life was WONDERFUL. Not a single time did He make a mistake. Not a single time did He utter a word He had to take back. He never had to apologize for anything He said or did. His bitterest enemies could not trap Him. Even with false witnesses, He could not be convicted of sin. Even a betrayer had to turn the blood money back and say of himself, "I have betrayed innocent blood." Even at his crucifixion, He had to be known as One who had no fault in Him. He was WONDERFUL in his life.

Thirdly, He was WONDERFUL in his humility. So completely did the Son of God empty Himself of his divinity, that not one single time did He exercise the power that was in His own right. Even his ministry and his miracles were performed by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The infinite God became a Man. "WONDERFUL" that the eternal God could stoop so low to become man's Savior.

Fourthly, He was WONDERFUL in compassion. See Him as he goes about touching humanity, having compassion on the multitudes. He was never too tired to administer to the suffering; He never sent the multitudes away hungry; He never met an adulterer or an adulteress that He didn't love and send away clean. At Jacob's well, He forgets his own weakness and reaches out to a nameless woman of sin. He was not willing that any should perish. He was WONDERFUL in compassion.

Fifth, He was WONDERFUL, in His death. His was no ordinary birth; His was no ordinary life; and more than that, His was no ordinary death. The Bible says of His life and death, "For this cause came I into the world." When it came time in the Garden of Gethsemane for the arrest of the Lord Jesus, He did not run away. He said to the soldiers, "Whom seek ye?" And when they said they were seeking Him, He said, "I am he". The soldiers fell back helpless. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. He is WONDERFUL as He hangs on the cross. We know His sayings from the cross, and at the end He says, "It is finished." Sin had been atoned, the price of redemption had been paid. The promise made in Eden and foreshadowed in the Old Testament sacrifice, was now finished. This was no ordinary death. The time of his death had been prophesied and every detail had been foretold. Read Isaiah chapter 53.

Isaiah says His name shall be called WONDERFUL. He is WONDERFUL in His power. This wonderful power is the power to save you from sin and from Hell. He is WONDERFUL in His power to transform a human life.

Christ is WONDERFUL in regards to His coming again. He is coming as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Isaiah says this child's name shall be called "WONDERFUL."

Pastor Will Davis At Euclid-Nottingham Church



Pastor Will Davis accepted the call to the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church and began his ministry there on September 9, 1973. He came from a productive seven-year ministry at the Ridgewood Baptist Church in Joliet, Illinois. Prior to that he pastored the Grace Baptist Church (GARBC) in Gary, Indiana for nine years.

Brother Davis is a graduate of the Moody Baptist Institute, Greenville College (B.A.) and has 17 hours towards his Master's at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He travelled on three occasions to Europe in evangelism during 1951 - 54. He was instrumental in leading both the Gary and Joliet churches in building programs. He presently is serving on the Board of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

His wife, Charlene, grew up in a Christian children's home and they were married in 1955. They have four children: Delores 17, Debra 14, Paul 12, and Diane 8.

We welcome them to Ohio and in particular our OARBC fellowship. We are confident their ministry will be one of blessing at the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church.

Xenia Church Builds Memorial

Calvary Baptist Church in Xenia sustained an irreparable loss in the tragic death of its senior deacon, Elmer Middleton, April 10th of this year. He and his wife, Sophie, were returning from the funeral of a brother-in-law in Marion, Ohio, with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Popp, when their car was struck broadside by a man who ignored a stop sign. It was reported that the man was under the influence of alcohol when the tragedy occurred. Brother Middleton died at the scene of the accident; his wife survived him for only two weeks, never regaining consciousness.

Elmer Middleton and his wife were charter members of Calvary Baptist Church, and he was a most faithful deacon. On the Friday preceding his death he and his pastor, Dr. Arthur F. Williams, were negotiating with a local bank for a loan to make possible a greatly needed addition to the Church building. Brother Middleton saw the need for this, and was eagerly promoting the

project. In view of his many years of faithful service to the Lord and to his Church, and his deep concern for improving the church structure, the congregation decided to erect the new addition as a memorial to the Middletons. It provides 680 square feet of floor space, giving the building a new and more attractive frontal appearance, a church office, a nursery, and conveniently located rest rooms. It is carpeted, and heated with electricity, and enclosed with vinyl siding.

New carpet will be installed in the auditorium, the pews are painted white and covered with red velvet cushions. The total expense involved, in addition to much volunteer labor, will exceed \$16,000. The Church and its pastor covet the prayers of God's people, that the improvements made will serve to glorify God by making the building more inviting to residents in the area which it seeks to serve.

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

"BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL"

"Blessed are the merciful: —

There is a definite change of approach in the next four Beatitudes. Our Lord did not give these in a haphazard fashion. There is definite progression in thought and logical sequence. The first four describe the initial exercises of heart of one who has been awakened by the Holy Spirit.

1. Speaks of one who recognizes his unworthiness... "Poor in spirit".
2. Is that of one repenting and mourning over his sinfulness... "They that mourn."
3. Here we have one who yields, meekly to be moulded by God... "the Meek."
4. Is that of one drawing near to God through His word to be satisfied... "they which do hunger and thirst for righteousness."

In the words penned by Clara Teare:

All my life long I had panted
For a draught from some cool
spring
That I hoped would quench the
burning
Of the thirst I felt within.
Feeding on the husks around
me
Till my strength was almost
gone.
Longed my soul for something
better
Only still to hunger on.
Hallelujah! I have found Him
Whom my soul so long has
craved!
Jesus satisfies my
longings;
Thro' His blood I now am
saved.

The following four Beatitudes treat the FRUITS which flow out of the heart and life of one who has experienced the former beatitudes.

What is mercy? It is compassionate leniency toward an enemy or wrong doer; discretionary power to punish or to spare. It does not mean we can smile at transgression and say "What does it matter? Let's carry on." There is a false and unholy mercy which petitions the powers that be to cancel or modify a just and fully merited sentence which has been passed upon some flagrant offender. In fact many wish to say that God does this, forgetting that although He is merciful He is also holy and just. In Jude 22 we are told "and on some have compassion, making a difference."

Many people have a natural sympathetic disposition. Being merciful is something other than that of showing an amiability. It is something more than a feeling... It is an operative principle. It not only stirs the heart but it moves the hand to give. The story is told of Peer Holm, a retired world-famous engineer, who returned to the little village where he was born and, together with his wife and little girl eked out a meager living.

Peer Holm had a neighbor who owned a fierce dog. Peer warned him that the dog was dangerous, but the old man contemptuously replied, "Hold your tongue, you cursed pauper." One day Peer came home to find the dog at the throat of his little girl. He tore the dog away, but the dog's teeth had gone too deeply and the little girl was dead.

The sheriff shot the dog, and the neighbors were bitter against his owner. When sowing time came they refused to sell him any grain. His fields were plowed but bare. He could neither beg, borrow, nor buy seed. Whenever he walked down the road, the people of the

village sneered at him. But not Peer Holm. He could not sleep at night for thinking of his neighbor.

Very early one morning he rose, went to his shed, and got his last half bushel of barley. He climbed the fence and sowed his neighbor's field. The fields themselves told the story. When the seeds came up, it was revealed what Peer Holm had done, because part of his own field remained bare while the field of his neighbor was green.

Mercy is not just seeing a need but seeing the need and doing something about it even if it is at our own expense. The Good Samaritan in the New Testament is another good example.

All men will at one time or another show mercy but the general tenor of the Christian should be the trait of mercy. Romans 12:8 shows the attitude with which we are to show mercy—with cheerfulness; not haughtily nor grudgingly. "FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY."

There are at least three benefits that accrue to the one who shows mercy.

First, there are inward benefits. Proverbs 11:17 "The merciful man doeth good to his own soul". And Proverbs 14:21 "He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he."

Second, there is an outward benefit. Ecc. 11:1 "Cast your bread upon the water and it shall return to you after many days."

Third, there are upward benefits. Proverbs 19:17 "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord." Matthew 10:41,42 "Who-soever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward." Hebrews 6:10 "For God is not unrighteous to forget your labor of love."

"BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL: FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY."

Perry Church Hosts

Canton-Massillon W.M.F.

The CANTON-MASSILLON WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP met at the Perry Baptist Church, Canton on October 23 for their Fall Rally. Mrs. Earl Umbaugh presented a workshop concerning Home Bible Study Groups and Mr. and Mrs. Neshack were the afternoon speakers presenting their ministry by giving the Gospel behind the Iron Curtain.

A Great Retreat At Scioto Hills

The Scioto Hills' Ladies Retreat of 1973 is now history but the blessings of it will not soon fade. The words on the cover of their program read - "SPIRITUALLY FEASTING TOGETHER" - and truly, this is exactly what took place. Our hearts were comforted, blessed and thrilled as Miss Jean Fisher (Professor at Cedarville College) gave us four sessions of Bible study on the theme - "The Problem of Pain and Human Suffering". Each lady agreed that the knowledge received on the subject enriched her life not only for the moment but also for the rest of her days. We do not know our future but we know Who holds the future. May we give glory to God in our pain and suffering knowing that truly, God's grace is sufficient and it is provided as needed.

Miss Florence Hagen of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission packed more beautiful Biblical truths of Israel's people and personal experiences of her work with Cleveland's "Chosen People" than most of us had ever witnessed. We shall never forget this saint of the Lord who asked us to pray often that all of our missionaries would be "clean trays on which is placed the Bread of Life". Miss Hagen's second prayer request was that the missionary be "at the right place at the right time".

Director Vickie Jensen of Columbus, Ohio arranged several highlights for the retreat. Miss Bernice Mick brought and set-up a miniature Cedarville College Book Store of which every lady made good use. Three well-chosen books were reviewed by some of the ladies who then shared them with us most vividly.

The recreation times were under the direction of Miss Norma Nulph (Metropolitan Missions/Baptist Mid-Missions). Also, we were blessed through her personal testimony. The ladies enjoyed volley ball, hiking, ping pong and boating. Others engaged in reading, writing, table games, singing and just visiting.

The ladies gave special thanks to Mrs. Earl Umbaugh and to her sister, Mrs. Oma Ralston and to Miss Vickie Kammeyer for the preparing of the physical food which was enjoyed by all. We overheard someone say, "We truly have GAINED by their experience". How true! Some friends donated poultry and ten dozen eggs for which we were most thankful.

All in all, we had a delightful time. Should the Lord tarry, when next year rolls around, we trust that even more of our women will attend THE LADIES RETREAT!

Mrs. Jos. Chapman, Secretary.

Women's Retreat At Skyview Ranch

Another FULL HOUSE was experienced at SKYVIEW WOMEN'S RETREAT as 180 Ladies crowded the facilities beyond capacity again this year. The theme "Sounding Out the Word of God" was well carried out by the Bible teacher, Mrs. Ruby Jeremiah who taught I Thessalonians showing that this church was an example in Worship, in Witness, in Walk, in Wisdom and in Watchfulness. The Missionary, Miss Loie Knight gave us many examples of the way the Word of God is being sounded out by her and her co-workers in Crampel, Central Africa Republic.

The food was delicious, the crafts instructive, the recreation delightful, the weather "fallish", and the scenery exquisite. Praise to the one who made heaven and earth!

South Bethel W.M.F. Meet

The SOUTH BETHEL WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP held their fall rally at Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville with "Bearing Fruit for Christ" as their theme.

Mrs. James Entner, speaker for the day, with her husband has just completed her first term of service in Palawan, Philippines, under ABWE.

A Panel discussion "Influencing Children for Missions" was conducted with Jean Fisher as moderator.

The special project for the year is to give \$1,000 to Miss Norma Nulph of Baptist Mid-Missions to help her purchase a home in Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Nulph was present and related how the Lord had provided a home for her.

Officers for the coming year were elected, President, Mrs. William Davis, Grand Avenue Baptist, Fairborn; Vice President, Miss Bernice Mick, Grace Baptist, Cedarville; Secretary, Mrs. John Yardlay, Grace Baptist, Troy, Ohio; Treasurer, Mrs. Lawrence Fetzner, Washington Heights Baptist, Dayton, Ohio. Pastor William Broughton led in a prayer of dedication of the new officers. The retiring officers were Mrs. Marion Houtt, President and Mrs. Paul Nestor, Treasurer.

Special music was provided by the host church who also served a lovely luncheon of salads.

The spring meeting will be held March 19, 1974 at Maranatha Baptist Church in Springfield, Ohio.

Berean W.M.F. Hold Rally

The BEREAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP Rally was held, Thursday, Sept. 27 at the Brookside Baptist Church, Seven Hills, Ohio. Their theme "Give Me This Mountain", Joshua 14:12, was related to the need to purchase a Glory Club House to be used by the West Bethel Station of Metropolitan Missions, under Baptist Mid-Missions.

Miss Lucille Brouillet, founder of Glory Club work was the main line speaker and the recipient of their special Project fund to aid her in the purchase of property to house the girls and boys Club work.

Rev. and Mrs. Richard O'Neil, missionaries to St. Lucia were afternoon speakers. Special Music was furnished by Ann Carlton, Brookside Church and Doris Withers, First Baptist Church of Parma.

The West Bethel Church received the banner for having the highest percentage of members present. A delicious salad lunch was furnished by the Host Church.

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Thomas M. Seller

It has a name to live, but it is dead,
Since it forsook the root that was its life,
In eager, childish eyes to vaunt and spread
Its gaudy glory, with deception rife.
It bears much fruit, tied on with bits of string,
More bright than any tree could ever grow,
Each apple, peach and pear a hollow thing,
But all together making quite a show.
It glows and sparkles like a flame of fire,
Each spark secured in splendid isolation,
With show of warmth and light to wake desire,
But never light a spreading conflagration!
Soon, when its show is past, it will be turned
Into the outer darkness to be burned!

And How Do YOU Know HIM?

The Shepherds came to Bethlehem seeking the Savior; the Wise Men came to Jerusalem seeking a king. The Shepherds were at the opposite end of the social and intellectual ladder from the Wise Men; they were "common people" while the Wise Men were scientists, educated, rich and cultured. The Shepherds found a Savior in a stable and had nothing to present to Him but their worship and praise. The Wise Men came to the royal city, Jerusalem, looking for a king, and they found not an infant but a young child king at Bethlehem living in a house. They presented to Him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

These two accounts in Luke and Matthew, wholly different in character and time, suggest two possibilities of knowing Jesus. We must know Him as Savior—coming with nothing in our hands, even as those poor shepherds, just to welcome and receive Him. But there is more. After owning Him as Savior, we must then go on to make Him king of our lives. Only after we are saved can we "bring something." We must then give Him our bodies (Rom. 12:1) our talents and our time. He then becomes for us Christ the Lord.

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Swordbearers Host Evangelistic Conference

Evangelist Mike Cocous was the guest speaker for the Swordbearers' seventh annual Youth Conference Saturday, November 10. The theme this year was, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith. . . be strong," which is taken from I Corinthians 16:13.

The Swordbearers centered their program around the senior high young people. They offered seminars on "How to live with yourself and like it" and "The Charismatic Movement." "Three", a film based on the life of a Christian teenager who attends a secular university armed with a Bible and a "straw" Christianity was shown.

Adults attended a separate seminar series conducted by Mr. James Grier, Philosophy professor at Cedarville. His topic was "Our Fractured World".

The conference was well attended and proved a blessing to all.

Church Recognized

A Recognition Council comprised of pastors and laymen from churches in the Hebron Association of our OARBC met in Elyria, Ohio on November 12 to examine the history, constitution and articles of faith of the Beth-El Baptist Church.

This meeting was held in the lovely new Beth-El Church building. The pastor of this church is Rev. Walter Spieth. After a period of examination it was voted unanimously to recognize this group of believers as a duly organized Baptist Church. They are now making application to become a part of our Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches' fellowship.

To Each His Own

"In all the ages of the ages there never has been, and never will be a man, or woman just like me. I am unique. I have no double. This is true. No two jewels, no two stars, and no two lives are alike. Every life is a fresh thought from God to the world. There is no man in all the world who can do your work as well as you, and if you do not find and enter into God's purpose for your life, there will be something missing from the glory that would otherwise have been there.

Every jewel gleams with its own radiance. Every flower distills its own fragrance. Every Christian has his own particular bit of Christ's radiance and Christ's fragrance which God would pass through him to others. God has given you a particular personality. He has also created a particular circle of individuals who can be reached and touched by that personality as by none other in the wide world. And then He shapes and orders your life so as to bring you into contact with that very circle. Just a hair's breath of shift in the focus of the telescope, and some man sees a vision of beauty which before had been all confused and befogged. So, too, just that grain of individual and personal variation in your life from every other man's and someone sees Jesus Christ with a clearness and beauty he would discern nowhere else.

What a privilege to have one's own Christ-in-dwelt personality, however humble. What a joy to know that God will use it, as He uses no other for certain individuals susceptible to it as to no other. In you there is just a bit of change in the angle of the jewel and lo, some man sees the light. In you there is just a trifle of variation in the mingling of the spices and behold, someone becomes conscious of the fragrance of Christ."

... James H. McConkey

Cedarville Hosts Christian School Administrators

The Education Department recently entertained Ohio Christian School Administrators at a dinner with prospective Christian teachers. The Christian educators were on campus all day October 9 for the purpose of promoting Christian schools. Over eighty people visited displays promoting various Ohio Christian schools. Thirty interviews were conducted with prospective teachers.

A highlight of the day was the question and answer hour conducted by Christian school administrators for students in The Christian Day School course. Culminating the day's activities was a presentation on "Promoting Christian Schools" by Mr. Lee Turner, Director of Development at Cedarville College.

Preliminary plans are being made to promote Christian schools again in the spring. During the weeks of April 15 and April 22 Christian schools will be invited to send representatives to acquaint prospective students with their schools. A special emphasis is planned for recruitment of Christian teachers.

For more information contact the Education Department, Cedarville College.

25th Anniversary

The First Baptist Church of Rittman, Ohio, hosted an Open House for Pastor and Mrs. William F. Harris upon the occasion of their Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, September 23, 1973. They were married in Waterloo, Iowa on September 24, 1948, by Dr. R. T. Ketcham. This is also the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Pastor Harris's Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Ordination to the Gospel Ministry. He was ordained on September 20, 1948. He has been Pastor of the Rittman Church for the past eight and a half years. A carload of folks came all the way from their former church in Verona, Wisconsin for the occasion.

GARBC Statistics

Des Plaines, Illinois - The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches released statistics for the fiscal year ending April, 1973. Forty-six new churches were received into the Association bringing the total number to 1473.

Financial reports show that gifts to missions totaled \$9,841,876.71. Local church expenditures totaled \$31,076,478.95. Building expansion reached \$6,965,804.75. Total giving for all purposes amounted to \$47,884,160.41.

A comparison of these figures with similar ones of the previous year shows an increase in mission giving of \$925,042.06. The per capita missionary giving was \$46.71. The approved mission agencies have approximately 1600 home and foreign missionaries. Local current expense giving increased by \$4,302,278.35. Building expansion gifts showed an increase of \$722,813.43.

The Regular Baptists are so called because of their distinctive historic Baptist position. They stand forthrightly on the Bible as the verbally inspired Word of God, and other fundamental doctrines such as the virgin birth of Christ and His atoning death and bodily resurrection. The Association is composed of independent, self-governing Baptist churches who hold that the Holy Scriptures are the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. Strong Bible teaching and evangelistic and missionary fervor are the earmarks of this fundamentalist fellowship of Baptist churches.

Attention Church Basketball Teams

The Cedarville College Varsity Club will be sponsoring its two annual Basketball Tournaments this coming March. The Junior Tournament will be held on March 8th and 9th. The Senior Tournament will be held on March 29th and 30th.

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Cedarville College Honors President Jeremiah

Honoring President James T. Jeremiah for his twenty years of service to Cedarville College, a banquet was given at the College Friday evening, October 19, by the College Trustees.

Tributes and presentations were made to Dr. Jeremiah following the banquet. Dr. Thomas Younger, past chairman of the College Board of Trustees, now President of Western Baptist Bible College in Salem, Oregon, served as Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Ron Grosh, President of the Alumni Association and English professor at Cedarville, presented Dr. Jeremiah with a medallion bearing the seal of the College to be worn with his academic regalia. An oil painting of the President, done by Mr. Lloyd Ostendorf of Dayton, was given to the College by Mrs. Miriam Maddox, professor of speech, on behalf of the faculty and staff.

The Doctor of Letters degree was conferred upon Dr. Jeremiah by the Board of Trustees. Dr. Clifford Johnson, Academic Dean, presented the citation. Mr. Dan Estes, president of Student Senate, presented to Dr. Jeremiah a pledge to initiate a student fund to raise \$20,000 this year for a new chapel. A fourteen place setting of silver was presented to Mrs. Jeremiah by Mrs. Sandy Entner, in behalf of the Cedarville Women's Fellowship. Dr. Younger presented Dr. and Mrs. Jeremiah with a mobile home, financed by the gifts of trustees, churches, and personal friends of the Jeremiahs.

Letters of congratulations were also sent to Dr. Jeremiah from President Richard Nixon and Congressman Clarence Brown.

Cedarville College was purchased by the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland, Ohio, in 1953 under the suggestion of Pastor James T. Jeremiah. That same year, while serving on the Board of Trustees, he was asked to serve as President of the College. That fall the College included a faculty of ten and an enrollment of over one hundred students, with nine buildings and fifteen acres of land. The College today has a faculty of more than sixty and a student body of over one thousand. Twenty years of growth and expansion have added ten buildings and almost one hundred acres, with plans for future expansion. Successful administration from a man of vision coupled with God's blessings have resulted in a college dedicated to God's work.

One of Dr. Jeremiah's primary goals has been to see that the purpose of the College remains "For the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ." He is concerned that the Christian men and women who attend Cedarville College are prepared to better serve God in their chosen occupations.

Record Enrollment At Cedarville

A record enrollment causes rejoicing at Cedarville. In light of the fact that big state universities as well as the smaller private colleges are currently suffering declining enrollment woes, Cedarville's enrollment has swelled to a record breaking 1009 students.

These students represent 563 churches, 32 states and the District of Columbia, and three foreign countries including Liberia, Brazil, and Portugal. Included in the 1009 students are 263 from 90 Ohio GARB churches with an additional 182 Ohio students representing 119 independent churches.

A graduate of Baptist Bible Seminary in Johnson City, New York, Central State College in Wilberforce, Ohio, and Winona Lake School of Theology in Winona Lake, Indiana, Dr. Jeremiah pastored churches in Panama, New York, Toledo, Ohio; and Dayton, Ohio; before assuming the responsibility of president of Cedarville College. In 1961 the Doctor of Divinity degrees was conferred upon Dr. Jeremiah by Dr. Wesley, President of Central State College. Today Dr. Jeremiah continues to preach in many churches on behalf of the College. He also presents a daily radio broadcast, "Campus Challenge," and has published a book on Biblical inspiration entitled *THE IMPORTANCE OF INSPIRATION*. Dr. Jeremiah has been active in the Council of Ten and the Baptist Mid Missions Council. He presently serves on the O.A.R.B.C. Council of Eighteen.



Dr. and Mrs. James T. Jeremiah

CROSS COUNTRY FOR CHRIST



CROSS COUNTRY

Sixteen men ran in continuous relay fashion from Astoria, Oregon, to Portland, Maine, in 415 hours covering over 3400 miles at an average speed of better than 8.3 miles per hour.

FOR CHRIST

The message of the good news of Jesus Christ was spread across the land with specially printed tracts, church services, open-air testimony meetings, radio and television interviews.

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This endeavor was coordinated by the Student Body Project Committee to raise money for campus improvements. Students challenge project supporters to give a penny a mile: \$34.00, or \$10.00 or \$5.00 to *Cross Country For Christ*.



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